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Title : Route Guide Information Delivery Method, Route
Guidance Method, Information Terminal and
Information Delivery Center

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 22, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species A1, which corresponds to claims 17-22 and 25. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed toward the non-elected claims.

The Office Action alleges that restriction is justified on grounds the claims lack unity of invention.

Applicants hereby traverse the restriction requirement and request reconsideration, on the ground that the invention defined in claims 17-22 and 25 and in claims 16 and 23-24 satisfy the unity of invention requirement of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2, in that they relate to a group of inventions which are "so linked as to form a single general inventive concept." In particular, Applicants submit that claim 25 is a generic claim. A feature of claim 25 is to transmit guide information contained in the results of the search calculation to the information terminal in installments by splitting the guide information. Various

species have various conditions for splitting the guide information. Thus, the claims have unity of invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.1, and that restriction is improper. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029267.56376US).

Respectfully submitted,

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